

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 640
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Chad Gregory, 2000
Valedictorian of Springfield High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unbridled commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Chad Gregory is one such exceptional student who recently was named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Springfield High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Mr. Gregory has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Chad has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, his tremendous intellect has been duly noted with the awarding of numerous academic awards that include the Stinger Award for Academic Excellence, and the Blair School of Music's Pamela Lewis Scholarship; Chad also earned Highest Average honors in Software Tools, Biology, Spanish II, and English III; and

WHEREAS, he was listed among *Who's Who in American High School Students*, attended Governor's School for the Arts, and achieved perfect attendance for three years; and

WHEREAS, Chad Gregory has demonstrated gifted musical talent during his illustrious high school career. He was a member of the Freshman Honor Choir, was first chair in the Mid-State and All-State Choirs, was selected to participate in Boys' State, and was a cast member of the school musical; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory has maintained a demanding extra-curricular schedule as an active participant in a variety of school clubs and organizations, including the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the SHS Sound System, A Cappella Choir, the Men's Choir, the Blair School of Music, the Relay for Life, and was a videographer for SHS Varsity Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Chad Gregory's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Chad's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his mother, Ms. Marie Gregory, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory faithfully worships the Lord as an active and devout member of the North Springfield Baptist Church, where he has been a wonderful example and leader for his fellow Christians, selflessly donating his time and talents to World Changers, Vacation Bible School, mission trips, Christmas caroling, Youth Council, Church Council, Music Committee, Money Counter Committee, Church Choir, Church Handbells, and Creative Ministries Team; and

WHEREAS, Chad plans to further his education at Austin Peay State University, where he will major in Music Education with the goal of returning to his alma mater as Choral Director; and

WHEREAS, Chad's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Springfield High School Valedictorian, Mr. Chad Gregory, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.